IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE COLUMBIA DIVISION

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) Case No.: 1:24-cv-00025
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MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE THIRD AMENDED COMPLAINT

Plaintiff Dustin J. Kittle, by and through undersigned counsel, respectfully moves this Court for leave to file a Third Amended Complaint pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 15(a)(2) and Local Rule 15.01.¹ In support of this Motion, Plaintiff relies on the following:

¹ Counsel for Plaintiff and counsel for Defendants have previously conferred on the issue of Plaintiff filing a Third Amended Complaint. However, given the filing deadline, counsel for the Plaintiff has not yet had a sufficient opportunity to confer with counsel for the Defendants to determine whether Defendants oppose the instant Motion; Plaintiff's counsel will obtain Defendants' position on same and will inform the Court of said position as soon as possible in

order to comply with Local Rule 7.01.

- On October 23, 2024, counsel for the parties appeared before the Court for a 1. Case Management Conference; at which time it was discussed that, depending on the Farm Credit Administration's response, Plaintiff anticipated filing a Third Amended Complaint, adding claims pursuant to the Federal Tort Claims Act.
- 2. On January 31, 2025, this Court approved a joint request by the parties to extend the deadline to amend the pleadings to March 3, 2025. [Doc. 47].
- 3. The proposed Third Amended Complaint, attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, adds Plaintiff's claim under the Federal Torts Claims Act and Fifth Amendment, substitutes Jeffery S. Hall for Vincent G. Logan (given Hall's recent designation by President Trump as the Farm Credit Administration Chairman), and refines, clarifies, and adds factual allegations and specific claims based upon certain new evidence and developments since the filing of the Second Amended Complaint [Doc. 18].
- The proposed Third Amended Complaint does not prejudice the Defendants, 4. as the case remains in its early stages, and formal discovery is just beginning.
- The Third Amended Complaint will not significantly delay the proceedings, 5. as it builds upon the existing claims and facts already known to the Defendants and their counsel.

6. The Third Amended Complaint states viable claims under federal law,

including the U.S. Constitution, the Administrative Procedures Act (APA),

the Federal Tort Claims Act (FTCA), and other statutes; and thus, is not futile.

7. To promote judicial economy, Plaintiff has withdrawn those claims that are

no longer viable from the Second Amended Complaint, including the request

for injunctive and/or mandamus relief sought against President Biden.

This Motion for Leave is made in good faith to ensure a complete and accurate 8.

presentation of Plaintiff's claims, not to harass or prolong the litigation.

In light of the foregoing, the Plaintiff respectfully requests leave of this Court

to file the Third Amended Complaint.

DATED: March 3, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on March 3, 2025, a copy of the foregoing was filed electronically. A copy will be sent to the following by operation of the Court's CM/ECF system:

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